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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY:

The thirty-third session of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the Courthouse at Tampa, Florida, November 15th, 1877, at 9 A. M., Bishop G. F. Pierce in the chair. Conference was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Bishop Pierce. The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and twenty-five preachers and six lay delegates responded.

Organization of the Conference was completed by the election of F. Pasco, Secretary; H. E. Partridge was elected assistant. Hours of meeting and adjournment fixed at 9 A. M., and 12.30 p. M. The bar of the Court-room was fixed upon as the bar of the Conference. The following Committees were appointed:

On Public Worship.—A. A. Robinson, J. J. Seally.

ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.—A. Peeler, W. C. Collins, G. W. Frazier.

On Sunday-Schools.—C. E. Dowman, S. Woodbery, W. C. Roper.

ON EDUCATION.—J. B. Fitzpatrick, E. F. Gates, L. Frink, M. I. Powledge, A. A. P. Neel.

On Bible Cause.—T. W. Moore, H. B. Frazee, J. J. Davis.

A. G. Haygood, D. D., President of Emory College, and J. W. Burke, Assistant Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from the Secretaries of the Parent Missionary Board, T. O. Summers, D. D., Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, A. H. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House, at Nashville, W. C. Bass, D. D., President of the Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Georgia, H. A. Scomp, Librarian of Emory College, were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

Dr. Haygood read a communication in reference to Emory College, which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Question 18 was taken up. Who are superannuated? James A. Wiggins, S. Munden, G. W. Fagg, S. Gardner, G. C. Leavel,

J. Penny, and A. Johnson were called, their characters passed, and they were continued superannuated.

A communication from James A. Wiggins was read.

E. F. Gates, and W. E. Collier were left over.

Question 17 was taken up. Who are supernumerary? S. W. Carson was called, his character passed, and he was contin-

ued supernumerary.

Question 10 was taken up. What local preachers are elected Deacons? John W. Wells and Jason Gant being duly recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences, were elected Deacons.

W. C. Collins was added to the Joint Board of Finance, in place of E. L. T. Blake, absent.

Minutes of the Morning Session read and approved.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Opened with religious exercises, conducted by J. M. Hendry. The roll was called and five additional preachers and one lay delegate responded.

A communication from the Committee on the Southern Christian Advocate, and the Publishing House at Macon, Georgia, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Peri-

odicals.

Question 1 was taken up. Who are admitted on trial? W. O. Hampton, F. M. Hauser, Claude A. Saunders, being duly recommended, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, were admitted.

Question 14 was taken up. What local preachers are elected elders? Ezekiel Glazier, being duly recommended, and pre-

senting the proper certificate, was elected.

Question 2 was taken up. Who remain on trial? T. Bishop, J. B. Ley, W. G. Royster, S. L. Smith, C. E. Pelot, H. B. Someilan were called, their characters passed, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, they were continued on trial. E. W. Woodbery was called, his character passed, and he was continued on trial, with the privilege of bringing up the course of study next year.

H. H. Ellzey was discontinued, at his own request, his char-

acter passing.

Question 3 was taken up. Who are admitted into full connection? H. F. Phillips, G. W. Mitchell, were called, their

characters passed, and they having answered the usual disciplinary questions, were addressed by the Bishop. The Examining Committee, reporting favorably, they were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

Question 5 was taken up. Who are readmitted? D. W. Core, being duly recommended, was readmitted.

Question 6 was taken up. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? John T. Duncan, transferred from the Tennessee Conference, was introduced.

Question 7 was taken up. Who are the deacons of one year? O. W. Ransom was called, his character passed, and a superannuated relation granted to him. James A. Castel, Samuel B. Smitteel, called, their characters passed, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 12 was taken up. What traveling preachers are elected elders? A. A. Barnett, W. H. F. Pobarts, J. D. Rogers, called, their characters passed, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, were elected. R. Martin, McK. F. McCook, were continued in the class of the fourth year, their characters passing. R. M. Ellzey's character passed, and he was located at his own request.

On motion, examination of character was carried on with open doors.

Question 20 was taken up. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? C. A. Fulwood, Presiding Elder of Tallahassee District J. P. DePass, Presiding Elder of Live Oak District, were called, and their characters passed, with those of the following Elders: J. B. Fitzpatrick, W. T. Norton, E. L. T. Blake, W. R. Johnson, W. M. Watts, E. J. Knight, R. H. Barnett, T. W. Tomkies, W. C. Collins, C. E. Dowman, R. H. Howren, S. E. Phillips, A. Peeler, W. Williams, E. B. Duncan, J. S. Collier, R. D. Gentry. W. G. Booth, T. J. Phillips, S. Woodbery, J. M. Hendry, T. R. Barnett, A. A. P. Neel.

A supernumerary relation was granted to J. F. Neal.

The case of M. M. Michau was referred to H. B. Frazee, E. F. Gates, and W. M. Watts, as a committee of investigation.

The death of O. Eady, Presiding Elder of Gainesville District, September 4th, 1877, was announced.

On motion, an afternoon session was fixed at 3 o'clock, for the election of delegates to the General Conference.

J. M. Hendry was added to the Committee of Examination of candidates in place of O. Eady, deceased.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3 P. M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Opened with religious exercises, conducted by S. E. Phillips.

Rev. Mr. Simmons, of the Baptist Church, Tampa, was in-

troduced.

Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference, with the following result:

CLERICAL—A. A. Robinson, E. L. T. Blake, T. M. Moore. Alternates—S. Woodbery, J. P. DePass.

LAY—G. W. Taylor, J. J. Davis, G. W. Frazier. Alternates—G. H. Hunter, W. C. Roper.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Opened with religious exercises conducted by J. Penny.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

Question 20 resumed. F. Pasco, Presiding Elder of the Jacksonville District, A. A. Robinson, Presiding Elder of the Tampa District, were called, their characters passed with those of the following elders: H. B. Frazee, T. W. Moore, W. Davies, U. S. Bird, J. C. Ley, H. E. Partridge, W. C. Jourdan, J. J. Seally, E. H. Giles.

Reports from the Joint Board of Finance and the Committee on Education made and adopted.

Dr. Haygood addressed the Conference in the interests of Emory and the Wesleyan Female Colleges.

Reports of the Board of Education, Committees on Sunday-schools and on Books and Periodicals made and adopted.

Conference, by resolution, decided to raise the additional amount necessary to make up the \$500.00 called for, for the relief of the Publishing House.

The Committee on Bible Cause made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Investigation in the case of M. M. Michau, recommended that the case be referred to his Presiding Elder for investigation.

Question 18 resumed. W. E. Collier was called, his character passed, and he was continued superannuated. E. F. Gates' character passed and he was left effective.

Question 1 resumed. Aurelio Silvera was admitted on trial, being duly recommended and the Examining Committee re-

porting favorably, and elected to deacon's orders under the provisions of the Discipline concerning ministers employed on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Statistics by the Assistant Secretary, and of the Committee on Memoirs was made and adopted.

The first Fridays in April and September were set apart as days of fasting and prayer for the prosperity of the work of God committed to our hands.

The usual resolution of thanks to the community, railroad and steamboat authorities, and the County Commissioners, for the use of the Court-house was adopted by a rising vote.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference convened after the morning service on Sunday, Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Question 9 was taken up. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? H. F. Philips, Geo. W. Mitchell, and Aurelio Silvera.

Question 11 was taken up. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John W. Wells, Jason Gant, Robt. J. Bradley.

Question 13 was taken up. What travelling preachers are ordained Elders? A. A. Barnett, W. H. F. Robarts, J. D. Rogers.

Question 15 was taken up. What local preachers are ordained Elders? Ezekiel Glazier, Marion A. Jeffcoat.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That collections be taken up in all the charges during the month of February, to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference.

The Bishop announced the following Visiting Committees:

To Emory College.—F. Pasco, C. E. Dowman, J. W. Tucker.

To Wesleyan Female College.—J. B. Fitzpatrick, C. A. Fulwood, U. S. Bird.

The Joint Board of Finance the same as last year.

After appropriate remarks by the Bishop, and prayer by A. G. Haygood, D. D., the Bishop read the appointments for the ensuing year, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Tampa, Florida, beginning November 15th, 1877, ending November 18th, 1877. Bishop G. F. Pierce, President; F. Pasco, Secretary.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial? William O. Hampton, Frank M. Hauser, Claude A. Saunders, Aurelio Silvera.

QUESTION 2.—Who remain on trial? Thurlow Bishop, John B. Ley, Charles E. Pelot, Wallace G. Royster, Selwyn L. Smith, Henry B. Someilan, Edwin W. Woodbery.

QUESTION 3 .- Who are discontinued? Holman H. Ellzey.

QUESTION 4.—Who are admitted into full connection? George W. Mitchell, Hardy F. Philips.

QUESTION 5.— Who are readmitted? David W. Core.

QUESTION 6.— Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? John T. Duncan, J. P. Richardson.

QUESTION 7.—Who are the Deacons of one year? James A. Castel, Samuel B. Smitteel.

QUESTION 8.—What traveling preachers are elected Deacons? Hardy F. Philips, G. W. Mitchell, Aurelio Silvera.

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QUESTION 11.—What local preachers are ordained Deacons? J. W. Wells, J. Gant, Robert J. Bradley.

QUESTION 12.—What traveling preachers are elected Elders? Andrew A. Barnett, William H. F. Robarts, Julius D. Rogers.

QUESTION 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained Elders? A. A. Barnett, William H. F. Robarts, J. D. Rogers.

QUESTION 14.—What local preachers are elected Elders? Ezekiel Glazier.

QUESTION 15—What local preachers are ordained Elders? E. Glazier, Marion A. Jeffcoat.

QUESTION 16.—Who are located this year? Robert M. Ellzey.

QUESTION 17-Who are supernumerary? Samuel W. Carson.

QUESTION 18.—Who are superannuated? William. E. Collier, Geo. W. Fagg, Sterling Gardner, A. Johnson, Geo. C. Leavel, John Penny, Isaac Munden, Overton W. Ransom, James A. Wiggins.

QUESTION 19.—What preachers have died during the past year? Oliver Eady. (See Memoir, page 15.)

QUESTION 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed, with one exception.

QUESTION 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 124. White members, 9,810; colored members, 14. (For numbers in several charges, see Art. VII.)

Question 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year? 621.

QUESTION 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year? 340.

Question 24.--What is the number of Sunday-schools? 133.

QUESTION 25.—What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 673.

QUESTION 26.—What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 4,174.

QUESTION 27.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,000.

QUESTION 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,000.38 which was distributed among the claimants.

QUESTION 29.— What has been contributed for Missions? Domestic Missions, \$915.15; Foreign Missions, \$517.18. Total, \$1,432.33.

QUESTION 30.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Gainesville.

QUESTION 31.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Art. IV.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1878.

Figures show the number of years the incumbent has been appointed to the charge.

Tallahassee District—CHAR	RLES A. FULWOOD, (2) P. E.
Tallahassee—Jas. B. Pitzpatrick (3) Leon Ct.—Sam'l Woodbery (1) Ocklocknee Miss.—Supplied by William T. Taylor (1) 'Crawfordville Ct.—Robert Martin . (1) Gadsden Ct.—Wilbur F. Norton . (3) Quincy—W. O. Butler (1)	Liberty Ct.—Robert D. Gentry (1) Little River Ct.—Wm. G. Booth (2) Monticello—Edwin L. T. Blake (2) Waukeenah Ct.—Wm. M. Watts . (1) Union Ct.—Wm. H. F. Robarts . (1) Apalachicola Miss.—David W. Core (1)
Live Oak District—JAM	MES P. DEPASS, (2) P. E.
Live Oak and Madison—Charles E. Dowman, (I;) J. F. Neal, Sup'y. Welborn Ct.—Robt. H. Howren . (I) Suwanee Miss.—Thos. R. Barnett . (I) Jasper Ct.—Wm. O. Hampton (I) Lake City and Benton Miss.—U. Sinclair Bird (I) Columbia Ct.—Wm. C. Collins (I)	Newnansville Ct.—Anderson Peeler, (2) Lake Butler Ct.—Elias J. Knight. (2) Baldwin Miss.—To be supplied. Madison Ct.—John M. Hendry (2) Mosely Hall Ct.—Supplied by W. S. Richardson (1) Lafayette Ct.—To be supplied.
Gainesville District—SAM	UEL E. PHILLIPS, (1) P. E.
Gainesville—McK. F. McCook (1) Waldo Ct.—Thomas J. Phillips (1) Micanopy Ct.—Henry E. Partridge.(1) Bronson Ct.—Thomas W. Tomkies.(1) Cedar Keys Miss.—W. R. Johnson (1) Fort Mason Miss.—Junius S. Collier.(1)	Ocala Ct.—A. A. P. Neel (2) Ocklawha Ct.—Julius D. Rogers (1) Sumter Ct.—William Davies (1) Brooksville Ct.—Wm. Williams (1) Crystal River Ct.—Supplied by John W. Wells. (2)
Jacksonville District—F	REDERIC PASCO, (4) P. E.
Jacksonville—Henry B. Frazee (3) LaVilla—Edwin W. Woodbery (2) Jacksonville Miss.—F. M. Hauser . (1) Duval Miss.—Hardy F. Philips (2) Fernandina—John B. Ley (1) Nassau Miss.—J. B. McFarland (1) Green Cove—Theophilus W. Moore. (4) St. Augustine Miss.—Supplied by T. E. Cooper. (1)	Palatka—Samuel B. Smitteel (1) Fruitland Ct.—Thurlow Bishop (2) Enterprise Miss.—W. G. Royster . (1) Mellonville—Robert H. Barnett (1) Lake Jessup Ct.—Selwyn L. Smith. (1) Orange Ct.—Andrew A. Barnett (2) Cross Prairie Miss.—J. T. Duncan (1) Indian River Miss.—To be supplied.
Tampa District—ADAM	I A. ROBINSON, (4) P. E.
Tampa—Joseph J. Seally (2) Tampa Bay Miss.—C. A. Saunders.(1) Key West, Ist charge—John C. Ley.(2) Sparks' Chapel—Supplied by Isaac A. Towers (1) Cuban Mission and School—J. C. Ley, Supt.; Henry B. Someilan (2) Aurelio Silvera (1) Bartow Ct.—Enoch H. Giles (2) S. W. Carson, Sup'y.	Alafia Ct—William C. Jourdan (2) Manatee—Edw. F. Gates (1) Manatee Miss.—Supplied by Ezekiel Glazier (2) Peace Creek Ct—James A. Castel . (1) Fort Myers Ct.—Chas. E. Pelot (1) Clearwater Ct.—Geo. W. Mitchell . (1) Mission to Seminole Indians—Erastus B. Duncan (1)

REPORTS.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance of the Florida Conference met in Tampa, No-The Joint Board of Finance of the Florida Conference met in Tampa, November 15th, 1877, (and from time to time during the Conference session.) Present: Clerical—W. C. Collins, (vice E. L. T. Blake, absent,) S. E. Phillips, R. H. Barnett, H. B. Frazee, H. E. Partridge. Lay—G. W. Taylor, G. H. Hunter. S. E. Phillips was elected chairman; H. E. Partridge, Secretary. Amounts were received for the Bishops, and Conference claimants, from several charges, (as seen in Financial Exhibit.) The following accounts were approved:

	JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.	DR.	Cr.
by amount	for Bishops from several charges, for traveling expenses to Bishop Pierce, for Bishops, to Bishop Pierce,	\$203 50	\$ 20 00 183 50
Balanced	1,	\$203 50	\$203 50
	JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.		
By amou	for Conference claimants from several charges, ant to—		\$1000 38
Mrs. M. D Mrs. R. I. Mrs. D. L. Mrs. J. J. I Mrs. G. Br Mrs. T. H Mrs. J. M. Mrs. S. A. Rev. A. Jo Rev. J. Per Rev. J. A. Rev. J. M.	Glover, by G. W. Taylor, Rhodes, by G. W. Taylor, avis, by G. W. Taylor, McCook, by J. C. Ley, Kennedy, by G. W. Taylor, Richards, by S. E. Phillips. right, by Bishop Pierce, Capers, by Bishop Pierce. Stokes, by J. M. Hendry, McCook, by McK. F. McCook, shnson, by J. M. Hendry, nny, Wiggins, by J. M. Hendry, unden. by S. B. Smitteel, Y. Fagg, by C. E. Dowman, ardner, by J. C. Ley, Leavel, W. H. F. Robarts,	40 40 50 40 51 56 100 75 80 40 56 80	00 00 00 00 00 00 85 00 00 00 00 00
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	HENRY EDW. PARTI	RIDGE,	Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the papers committed to us from Rev. A. H. Redford, agent of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, and the Publishing Committee of the Southern Christian Advocate, and report as follows:

We exceedingly regret that our publishing interests at Nashville are in such an embarrassed condition, and trust that such steps may be taken as will put this important interest on a firmer basis. In regard to the matter of collections in the ounds of our Conference we have no suggestions to make, as we suppose the Conference will direct the most feasible plan for carrying out brother Redford's wishes.

We cordially recommend our people to buy the publications of our House, as in this way much can be done to relieve the embarrassments of the House, while at the same time they will supply themselves with good, healthful, religious read-We urge the preachers to be diligent in circulating our books among the people. We also request our people who can afford to take two papers, that after subscribing for our own organ, the Southern Christian Advocate, they take the Nashville Advocate. It is a valuable paper and well worthy of our patronage. We are gratified to learn that the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is on rising ground, and we urge all our people to subscribe for our own organ, and have this valuable paper in all their families. The editorial management of the paper meets our warmest approval. We hope our preachers will all work diligently for it, and see that it is placed in every family in the bounds of their respective circuits and stations. We are also gratified to learn that most of the accounts due by the brethren for the ADVOCATE and on book account have been A. PEELER, Chairman. paid up promptly.

AMENDMENT TO REPORT.

Resolved, That the Joint Board be instructed to apportion to the several Districts \$2.15 for the relief of the Publishing House, being the balance of the amount asked of this Conference by the Agent.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Church must now and ever, place the highest estimate upon the Bible. It is the treasury of the preacher, the guide of the Church. All other books are human and changeable—the Bible is divine, and "abideth forever." All other books are fallible; God's "word is truth."

Resolved 1. It shall be our daily companion, since to travel the heavenly road we must "be shod with the preparation of the gospel."

2. We will continue to commend it to our people by precept and example, since "it is the only sufficient rule and guide of our faith and practice."

3. We shall continue to urge our people to teach it to their children in their schools, on the Sabbath days and on the week days-"teach it diligently to their children, and tell of it when they sit in their houses, and when they walk by the way, and when they lie down, and when they rise up."

4. We will continue to commend and help forward the American Bible Society in its efforts to place the Bible in every family in this and in all lands.

T. W. MOORE, Chairman.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There is no department of Church work more important than the Sundayschool. The strongest and most enduring growth of the Church is from within, The Sunday-school enables the Church not only to keep her own children, but to gather into her fold the children of those without. If we can train our own children for God we will make constant progress. But if by Sunday-school efforts we bring to Christ the children of those who knew Him not, we shall make conquests from Satan's kingdom. Any Church, in this day, without Sunday-school work, will, and ought to die. In many communities the very life of the Church depends on the success of the Sunday-school. No pastor can be faithful to his obligations to God and the Church who neglects this work. It is no less his duty to be in the Sunday-school than in the pulpit. No work will produce greater results—in none is there greater pleasure.

The Sunday-school not only benefits the children, but affords an opportunity for Christian work. The progressive Christian must have some field for labor. Many have failed of true religious development because the Church has not employed the energies of their first love. But finding in the Sunday-school a suitable sphere for activity, they may grow in the knowledge and love of God.

We are gratified that this instrumentality is becoming more efficient in our Conference. But Sunday-school success is not measured by statistics. The Sunday-school fails of its highest mission that does not seek the conversion of the children. If they are converted we have no fears for the future of the Church. Let this great end be earnestly impressed upon all our Sunday-school workers.

By a careful examination of the reports from the various charges, we find a decided improvement in our Sunday-schools. There has been an increase during the year of nineteen schools, fifty-two officers and teachers, two hundred and eighty-eight pupils, and one thousand one hundred and ninety nine volumes in libraries. We have now under Sunday-school instruction more than four thousand pupils. But it is to be regretted that many schools suspend during the winter months. We cannot two strongly urge our preachers to use every effort to keep the schools in operation through the entire year.

It is also to be lamented that many Churches are yet without Sunday-schools. We must never be satisfied till we have a school at every appointment.

It is desirable that there be some uniform method of conducting our Sunday-schools. The committee would suggest that the following order be pursued:

1. Reading the Lesson for the day by alternate verses.

2. Singing.

3. Repeating the Creed.

4. Prayer—closing with the Lord's Prayer.

5. Recitation of the Lesson.

6. Singing and closing exercises.

By inquiry we find that our System of Uniform Lessons is largely used in our schools. This system has been found successful where faithfully used, and we urge its continuance wherever practicable. But to those schools preferring a Question Book, we recommend above all others the series of Lessons from the Evangelists, by Atticus G. Haygood, D. D., entitled "Jesus the Christ."

It is highly important that our children be instructed in the doctrines of the Church. For this purpose we recommend Burke's Catechism, prepared by the late Dr. E. H. Myers, or the one compiled by Rev. Alexander Thigpen, of the North Georgia Conference.

We also recommend that Bible Classes for adults be formed in connection with our schools, under the care of the pastor or some other efficient person. In view of the facts set forth in this report, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, with profound gratitude to God for the success that has attended our labors in the past, we will continue to increase our efforts to advance the Sunday-school cause.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DOWMAN, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to make the following report:

After having examined all the facts coming within our knowledge upon this important subject, we find that within the bounds of our Conference we have no institution of learning under the control of our Church. No college, no seminary, no district school. If our sons and daughters are educated within our bounds, they must receive that education in our free schools, or in schools con-

trolled by other denominations. At the same time we feel that the sons and daughters of the Church must be educated, and that this mental training should not stop with the common school curriculum, but the present demands, and the future will more imperatively require, that they be led through the higher branches of collegiate training and culture. For these higher and better advantages we must go abroad, and in doing this, we find in Emory College, located at Oxford, Georgia, and in Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Georgia, institutions worthy of our best confidence and constant and undivided patronage.

Each with an admirable President, sustained by an able and well qualified corps of professors; a curriculum thorough and complete; buildings ample, of modern style, and wisely arranged; both healthfully and beautifully located in the midst of cultivated and refined communities, affording ample facilities for the cultivation of the heart as well as the head. We feel sure that these are the places for our sons and daughters, and that we can send them there feeling that

under God's blessing, they are safe in good hands. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we receive with very great pleasure, reports from these be-

loved institutions, and rejoice greatly in their prosperity.

2. That we most heartily commend these institutions to the people within the bounds of our Conference, both in and out of the Church, as eminently worthy of their patronage and support.

3. That the Florida Conference will cordially accept the proposition of the Board of Trustees to enter with them into the joint ownership of the Wesleyan

Female College, at Macon, Georgia.

Submitted in love,

J. B. FITZPATRICK, Chairman.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education report that there has been raised during the preyear within the bounds of the Florida Conference, for the purpose of education the children of our deceased preachers, the sum of \$129.00; amount on hand from 1876, \$31.10; leaving in the treasury, \$160.10.

Through the aid furnished by your collections, the son of Rev. J. K. Glover

has been enabled to continue at school the most of the present year.

Your Board has ordered the Treasurer to pay monthly the sum of \$10.00 for the board of your (at present) only beneficiary; and, further, authorized the teacher of said beneficiary to draw on the Board for the amount needed for text books. The teacher, brother J. D. Wade, promises to furnish the tuition free.

The Board regrets that the smallness of the amount contributed limits this benefice to a single individual, while there are so many children of our deceased preachers left without the means of education. But we hope this is but the beg nning of a good work, which is to continue to increase in its resources until not only the children of our deceased preachers may be helped to a liberal education, but the children also of the living, faithful preachers, who, though poor in this world's goods, are toiling that the Church may be made rich in faith and good works. But to bring this hope to fruition, and to lead the Church to do her duty both to the living and the dead, and above all, to lead the Church to do her duty to Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these ye did it unto me," the members of the Conference must not despise the day of small things, nor fail in a single instance to take up the collections assigned to the different charges.

The amount proposed to be raised the present year is \$300.00, assessed to the different charges on the *ratio* of the distribution of the Bishop's fund.

T. W. MOORE, Chairman.

MEMOIR-REV. OLIVER EADY.

During the past year God, in the exercise of a wise but inscrutable providence, hath removed from our ranks one of our number, REV. OLIVER EADY, Presid-

ing Elder of the Gainesville District.

This good man fell at his post Wednesday morning September 5th, 1877. It was not during the flush of youth, when, standing upon the threshhold of active life, anticipations bright bade him go forward; nor in the day when age had laid its cold hand upon the energies, paralyzing human effort for good, bidding the heart to rest in faith, and sending its first joys to the recollections of the past. But it was in the vigor of manhood, in the very midst of the battle, when day by day, and hour by hour, through the blessing and grace of God, he was enjoying, in part at least, the fruits of the victory; when the hopes of his earlier manhood were returning again, bringing with them the rich fruitage of many years' consecration to God and the Church. It was in the midst of all this that this Christian warrior and valiant soldier of the Cross was called upon to lay down his armor and take up his crown; to exchange a life of toil for one of rest; to give up the society of loved ones on earth, and join the blood-washed throng on high. For many years he was a faithful, earnest, and devoted minister of the gospel. The Church was dear to his heart, and during his last days on earth, and even during the last hour of his consciousness, he was deeply concerned and planning for her welfare.

He is gone—we deeply deplore our loss—and while we, in profoundest sympathy with his bereaved family, and with the Church of God, would scatter upon his grave the tears of affection, we, at the same time, do bless the Great Head of the Church for the pure, devoted Christian life and ministry of our departed brother, and rejoice in the good hope of ere long meeting him close by the throne

J. B. FITZPATRICK, Chairman.

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REPORT OF EDITORS OF MINUTES.

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DR.		
Debt due for Minutes of 1876,		
Freight and drayage,		
Express,	25	
Money orders,	25	
Paper,	25	
Mucilage,	25	
One thousand copies of the Minutes,	30—\$159 18	
CR.		
From subscription,	70	
From advertisements,	00-\$137 70	
Amount due J. W. Burke & Co.,	\$ 21 48	

MISSIONARY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(ABSTRACT.)

The Board of Missions of the Florida Conference has had under its supervision during the year ending November 18th, 1877, the following mission fields:

Apalachicola—Served by Rev. W. R. Johnson. Number of members, one hundred and twenty; Sunday-schools, twenty-one; officers and teachers, sixteen; pupils, seventy-five; adults baptized, three; infants, eleven. One Church edifice valued at \$800.00, and a parsonage valued at \$300.00.

Ocklocknee—Supplied by Rev. A. H. Crowder. Four organized Societies, with several other appointments. Has enjoyed a good degree of spiritual prosperity, with but little financial progress, however.

Benton—Served by Rev. T. R. Barnett. The Mission met all its financial claims in full; and gives promise of becoming a self-sustaining work in a year or two.

Orange Lake—Served by Rev. E. B. Duncan. The Mission has one Sunday-school, with six officers and teachers, and forty pupils; the uniform lessons used. The following amounts raised: for preacher in charge, \$204.00; Presiding Elder, \$14.45; Domestic Missions, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$2.00; Conference claimants, \$2.00.

Ft. Mason—Served by Rev. C. E. Pelot. Membership, eighty-two; Sunday-schools, one; officers and teachers, four; pupils, twenty-eight; added this year, on professson of faith, thirty-four; by certificate, eleven; adults baptized, twenty; infants, eleven. Paid the preacher in charge, \$122.00, and board; Presiding Elder, \$10.00; Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$2.50; Conference claiamnts, \$10.00; Bishops, \$2.00.

Nassau—Served by Rev. W. Davies. Mission improving. Prevalence of yellow fever caused much confusion which interfered with spiritual and financial prosperity of work.

Mandarin—Until August this work was not supplied, when the services of Rev. F. M. Hauser were secured for it. There are two appointments; at Mandarin there are thirty-four members; Church weak with little to encourage. At St. Nieholas opposite Jacksonville, there is material out of which a good society may be organized. Here there is a fine church edifice which may be secured by proper efforts to our Church. Amounts raised for preacher in charge \$15.83; Presiding Elder, \$10.50; Domestic Missions, \$1.00; Foreign Missions, \$1.00; Conference Claimants, \$1.00; Bishops, \$2.00; Education, \$3.00; Sunday-school, \$3.25.

Green Cove—Served by Rev. T. W. Moore. Membership, twenty-eight. One Sunday-school in good working condition with five officers and teachers and twenty-five pupils. Raised for all purposes, \$388.00

Indian River—Left unsupplied for want of a suitable man. Important field. Palatka—Served by Rev. McK. F. McCook. Church steadily improving. Not much material under influence of Methodism, but immigration will probably bring more; and the prospects for the Church's future are bright. There is a church building valued at \$1,000.00, and other property valued at \$490.00. Amounts raised for preacher in charge, \$93.00; for Presiding Elder, \$20.00; for Bishops, \$3.00; for Education, \$2.00; for Domestic Missions, \$2.00; for

Foreign Missions, \$1.50; for Conference claimants, \$6.05; for other Church enterprises, \$65.30.

St. Augustine—Served by Rev. J. A. Towers. This is a hard field—surrounding country newly settled; Romish Church strongly entrenched; persistent effort necessary in order to succeed. The faithful missionary walked to his appointments. There is a church edifice in the city, but unoccupied.

Facksonville Mission—Served by Rev. H. F. Philips. Appointments eight in number and average attendance on preaching good. Added to the Church this year, forty. Sunday-schools, two, with fifty-five officers, teachers and pupils. Paid to preacher in charge, \$66.28; Presiding Elder, \$8.20; for Domestic Missions, \$5.00; for Foreign Missions, \$5.00; for Bishops, \$2.00; other purposes, \$5.40.

Enterprise—Served by Rev. John. B. Ley. Membership, forty-nine. Added this year, one on profession of faith; two by certificates; adults baptized, one; infants, one. One Sunday-school, eleven officers and teachers; thirty-eight pupils. Paid preacher in charge, \$18.00; for Presiding Elder, \$13.00; for Domestic Missions, \$4.75; for Foreign Missions, \$2.00; for Bishops, \$2.00; for other enterprises, \$2.00.

Fruitland—Served by Rev. T. Bishop. Membership one hundred and sixty-seven. Added this year twenty-three on profession of faith; one by certificate. Adults baptized, thirteen; infants, eight. Sunday-schools, three; officers and teachers, eight; pupils, twenty-eight. Church edifices, four; value, \$1.000.00. Paid preacher in charge, \$200.00; for Presiding Elder, \$36.00; for Missions, \$13.00; for Conference claimants, \$3.35; for Bishops, \$3.00; education, \$3.00.

Cuban Mission—Served by Rev. Henry B. Someillan. This Mission is in a flourishing state; numbers seventy-five members, among whom are many true, earnest Christians. One Sunday-school recently organized with promising prospects; has six officers and teachers and twenty-two pupils. The amount of \$202.00 was raised this year for completing their chapel; and efforts in progress to raise more. This is an important field.

T. W. TOMKIES,

Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY TREASURER.

JOHN C. LEY, Treasurer, in account with Florida Conference:

Dr. to amount from Tallahassee District:

		Foreign Iission B'd.	Domestic Mission B.d.	Total.
Tallahassee—J. B. Fitzpatrick			\$10 00	
From Sunday-school		\$50 00	50 00	\$110 60
Leon Circuit—W. C. Collins		18 00	31 00	49 00
Crawfordville Circuit—R. D. Gentry, (S. S.).			00 1	1 00
Ochlocknee Mission—A. H. Crowder				
Gadsden Circuit—W. F. Norton		16 95	36 25	
From Sunday-school		2 00		53 20
Liberty Circuit			5 00	5 00
Quincy—C. E. Dowman		12 00	12 00	
From Sunday-school		3 00	20 00	47 00
Little River Circuit—W. G. Booth		2 00	12 00	14 00
Monticello—E. L. T. Blake		45 40	67 70	
From Sunday-school			17 30	130 40
Waukeenah Circuit—R. H. Howren		3 00	15 00	18 00
Union Circuit—T. J. Phillips		5 00	5 00	10 00
Apalacheaola Mission, (S. S.)—W. R. Johnson	1.		8 00	8 00
Total	•	155 35	290 85	446 20

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.		
Live Oak Circuit—J. F. Neal \$13 00	\$18 45	\$31 45
Welborn Circuit—Š. E. Phillips	20 00	
From Sunday-school 15 00 Jasper Circuit—J. H. Johnson 65	4 00	35 00
From Sunday-school I 35		6 00
Lake City—S. Woodbery	5 00	8 00
Columbia Circuit—W. M. Watts 15 00	32 80	47 80
Newnansville Circuit—A. Peeler	15 05	26 90
Madison Circuit—J. M. Hendry 5 00 From Sunday-school	10 00 5 00	20 00
Mosely Hall Circuit—W. Williams 2 50	3 50	6 00
Lafayette Circuit	2 80	- 6-
Benton Mission—T. R. Barnett	3 80	5 65
Baldwin—W. O. Hampton		
Total 69 20	117 60	186 80
Gainesville District.		
Gainesville—S. B. Smitteel 5 00	11 60	
From Sunday-school 5 00	10 40	32 00
Waldo Circuit—J. D. Rogers 5 25	6 10	11 35
Micanopy Circuit—R. H. Barnett 39 45 From Sunday-school	34 00 I 70	74 15
Orange Lake Mission—E. B. Duncan 3 00	2 00	5 00
Fort Mason Mission—C. E. Pelot 2 50	5 00	7 50
Ocala Circuit—A. A. P. Neel 14 00	26 00	40 00
Ocklawaha Circuit—T. W. Tomkies 5 00	6 00	11 00
Bronson Circuit—R. M. Ellzey	4 65 8 00	4 65
Brooksville Circuit—J. S. Collier	2 00	3 50
Crystal River Circuit—J. W. Wells	1 00	1 00
Total	118 45	215 15
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.		
Jacksonville—H. B. Frazee, 9 30	14 00	88 =
From Sunday-school,	65 20 20 00	88 50 34 00
La Villa—E. W. Woodbery,	5 00	10 00
Fernandina—U. S. Bird, 4 10	28 38	32 4
Nassau Mission—W. Davies,		• • •
Mandarin Mission—F. M. Hauser, I 00 Green Cove Mission—T. W. Moore, 2 00	1 00	13 5
St. Augustine Mission—I. A. Towers,		-55
Palatka Mission—McK. F. McCook, 1 50	2 00	3 5
Fruitland Mission—T. Bishop, 6 63	2 55	9 1
Enterprise Mission—J. B. Ley, 2 00	4 75	6 7
Mellonville—S. L. Smith,	18 75	32 2 17 2
Orange Circuit—A. A. Barnett, 6 15	20 00	26 I
Total,	205 33	275 4
TAMPA DISTRICT.		
Tampa, (S. S.)—J. J. Seally,	40 00	5 5 65 0

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Sparks' Chapel, (S. S.)—H. E. Partridge, \$20	00 \$40	00 \$60	00
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Manatee—J. A. Castel,	•	00 5	_
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Clear Water Circuit—W. H. F. Robarts, 2	00 20	47	
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Total,	75 146	92 236	67
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Total raised in 1877, 517	18 915	I5 I432	22
Amount on hand January 14th, 1877, 530	47 1111		
Total,	65 \$2027	00 \$3074	65
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Treasurer Foreign Mission Board, \$ 529 87 By cash on drafts on Conf. Board to—	\$. \$ 529	87
Presiding Elder, Tallahassee District,	70	00	
" Live Oak District,	165		
" Gainesville District,	170		
" Jacksonville District,	570		
" Tampa District,	100		
By cash on hand November 18th, 1877, . 517 78	952		
	\$2027		65

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.
I. TALLAHASSEE—Banner School \$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 100 00
2. Jacksonville 65 20		65 20
3. Key West—First Charge 45 00	20 00	65 00
4. Key West—Sparks' Chapel 40 00	20 00	60 00
5. Quincy 20 00	3 00	23 00
6. Monticello		17 30
7. Gainesville 10 40	5 00	15 40
8. Welborn—Welborn Ct	15 00	15 00
9. Clear Water	8 00	8 00
9. Apalachacola 8 oo		8 00
II. Tampa	5 55	5 55
12. Fort Myers 4 00	1 00	5 00
12. Madison 5 00		5 00
14. Lake City	3 00	3 00
15. Gadsden	2 00	2 00
16. Micanopy 1 70		I 70
17. Jasper	I 35	I 35
18. Crawfordville,		1 00
1877, 18 schools \$267 60	\$133 90	\$401.50
1876, 19 schools		\$401 50
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VII.—STATISTICAL REPORT, 1877.

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TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT. Tallahassee	1 1 2 3 1 2 1 3 2	181 185 204 119 182 125 97 187 138 240 270 120	4	5 36 23 24 14 6 9 30 12 3	6 1 3 2 1 6 	2 7 9 8 7 1 · · · 4 · · · 15 3 3	2 11 8 12 21 13 4 12 5 5 10	1 3 2 1 5 2 1 3 1 4 2 2	9 4 18 6 14 8 12 20 8	60 60 22 131 30 80 60 46 100 40		2 4 4 6 6 1 3 1 5 5	\$ 5,000 00 5,000 00 1,700 00 200 00 1,300 00 800 00 2,000 00 1 200 00 2,000 00 1 300 00 3,000 00 800 00	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	300 550 800 400 1,500 400	00 00 00 00 00 00 00			
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Lake Butler Circuit 6 Baldwin Circuit	98	23 1	21 19 13 18	7		150 4	500 00	-				•
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GAINESVILLE DISTRICT. Gainesville	234	20 4 32 1 13 1 34 8 3 7 3 19 2 25 9 28	$\begin{array}{c cc} 1 & 12 \\ 25 & 20 \\ 10 & 15 \end{array}$	1 1 3 3 2	8 48 9 60 12 65 6 40 4 28 14 85 120 100 12 75 43 268 6 30 5 30	20 30 40	3,000 00 200 00 3,000 00 1,500 00 600 00 1,850 00	1,	300 00 250 00 000 00		• • • •	00
Total	1777 3	231 31	117 133	29 18	829	868 23	\$13,950 00	\$ 1,	550 00	\$	30	00
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT. Jacksonville	190	10 5 1 2 2	5 8 4	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4 22 8 38 5 24 4 36 	90 1 200 1 80 200 1 	250 00		300 00	2	50	00 00 00 00
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VII.-STATISTICAL REPORT, 1877.-(CONTINUED.)

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TAMPA DISTRICT. Fampa	1 5 5 1 2 6	54 251 253 78 225 63 34 239 160 73 310	2	12 30 83 	3 6 10 2	1	45 50 5 3 1 · · · 22 · · · 19 43		8 33 20 6 16 12 6 8 10 20	184 22 90 63 	500 700 81 100 150 100 80	1 1 1 1 1	1,000 00		2,000 (1,20) (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200)(1,200 (1,2))(1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,2))(1,200 (1,20)(1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,200 (1,2)(1	00 .		
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VII-FINANCIAL EXHIBIT-1877.

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asssessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Build'g and Repair'g Churches and Parsonages.	For Sunday Schools.	Relief So. Methodist Publishing House.	Miscellaneous Church Pur-
TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT. Tallahassee	1000 00 650 00 350 00 125 00 650 00 *200 00 *203 00 500 00 500 00 450 00 312 00	1000 00 451 00 164 90 50 00 412 93 *97 00 *203 50 300 00 760 65 422 12 216 00 122 00 4200 10	150 00 150 00 60 00 15 00 50 00 25 00 50 00 150 00 75 00 25 00 850 00	150 00 90 35 23 57 8 00 35 20 25 00 50 00 123 14 63 33 24 00 19 15	8 00 6 00 4 00 1 00 5 00 1 00 5 00 8 00 4 60 2 00 55 00	7 00 6 00 4 00 1 00 5 00 3 00 6 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00	97 00 97 00 40 00 10 00 32 00 32 00 32 00 97 00 50 00 32 00 15 00	60 50 2 00 1 00 34 50 3 00 38 00 12 00 98 00 15 00 6 50 6 00	32 00 8 00 35 00 12 00 32 00 32 00 42 00 42 00 10 00	31 00 1 00 36 25 5 00 32 00 12 00 85 00 15 00 5 00 8 00	45 00 17 00 4 00 15 00 7 00 15 00 45 00 45 00 22 00 15 00 7 00	18 00 16 95 15 00 2 00 45 40 3 00 5 00	13 00 5 00 2 00 4 00 2 00 4 00 4 00 13 00 6 00 4 00 2 00	3 00 4 15 4 00 3 00 14 00 2 00 1 00 1 10	144 00 14 00 85 00 174 75 10 00	38 00 4 00 17 50 27 00 20 00	7 00 14 00 1 00 3 00 9 00 43 40 10 00	30 00 120 00 81 00
LIVE OAK DISTRICT. Live Oak Circuit Welborn Circuit Jasper Circuit Lake City Columbia Circuit Newnansville Circuit Madison Circuit Madison Circuit LaFayette Circuit Benton Mission Lake Butler Circuit Baldwin Circuit Total	600 00 650 00 1300 00 400 00 600 00 500 00 *240 00 400 00 400 00 *100 00	311 10 246 83 †170 00 214 53 340 75 399 85 372 35 *59 00 210 80 *54 16 2579 37	100 00 100 00 100 00 60 00 151 60 100 00 175 00 60 00 20 00 30 00 75 00 30 00	51 84 37 97 40 00 36 67 85 18 66 65 100 00 12 75 30 00 25 00 16 24 502 30	5 00 5 00 3 00 4 00 6 00 4 00 8 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00	4 33 5 00 3 00 4 00 8 00 4 00 8 00 2 00 1 00 4 00 1 00	35 00 55 00 35 00 25 00 65 00 40 00 80 00 30 00 15 00 15 00 425 00	13 00 32 10 18 00 15 25 3 50 6 00 7 00	18 00 15 00 40 00 25 00 50 00 18 00 8 00 8 00 20 00 8 00	20 00 4 00 5 00 32 80 15 05 15 00 3 50 3 80	4 00 4 00 11 00 4 0:	3 (0 15 00 11 85 5 00 2 50 1 85	6 00 6 00 4 00 5 00 8 00 6 00 10 0 4 00 2 00 5 00 5 00	1 75 1 00 4 00 1 00 2 25 3 60 5 50 2 00 21 10	235 00 300 00 124 60	10 00 25 30 10 00 12 75 3 00 7 00 20 00	3 95 4 00 3 00 2 00 8 00 1 50	6 05

VII.-FINANCIAL EXHIBIT, 1877-(CONTINUED.)

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Building & Repairing Churches & Parsonages.	For Sunday Schools.	Relief So. Methodist Publishing House.	Miscellaneous Church pur-
GAINESVILLE DISTRICT. Gainesville . Waldo Circuit . Micanopy Circuit . Orange Lake Mission . Ft. Mason Mission . Ocala Circuit . Ocklawaha Circuit . Bronson Circuit . Sumter Circuit . Brooksville Circuit . Crystal River Circuit .	*200 00 400 00 415 00 204 00 †230 00 700 00 350 00 460 00 450 00 300 00 *125 00	270 00 386 45 204 00 †122 00 552 36 250 00 193 16 172 63 150 00	40 00 60 00 60 00 30 00 20 00 100 00 35 00 100 00 30 00 25 00	40 00 40 00 60 00 14 45 10 00 78 90 35 00 25 00 35 88 16 00 6 00	5 00 5 00 5 00 2 00 2 00 4 00 2 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 2 00	5 00 5 00 5 25 1 00 2 00 4 00 2 00 1 50 1 55 2 00	30 00 30 00 20 00 30 00 18 00 30 00 30 00	18 00 31 85 2 00 10 00 70 00 7 00 5 00 13 70 3 00	20 00 22 00 10 00 20 00 16 00 12 00 20 00	22 00 6 10 35 70 2 00 5 00 26 00 6 00 4 65 8 00 2 00 1 00	5.00 10 00 12 00 2,00 10 00	5 25 39 45 3 00 2 50 14 00 5 00 1 50	7 00 5 00 7 00 5 00	5 00 8 00 5 00 2 00 2 75 4 00	125 35 120 00 800 00	29 95 3 50 37 50 15 00 12 50 60 00 7 00	1 00 14 55 1 00 27 00 4 00 2 00 1 00 2 15	335 50
Jacksonville District. Jacksonville LaVilla Jacksonville Mission Fernandina Nassau Mission Mandarin Mission Green Cove Mission St. Augustine Mission Palatka Mission Fruitland Mission Enterprise Mission Mellonville Lake Jessup Circuit Orange Circuit	1000 00 *150 00 *150 00 *200 00 *200 00 *200 00 *200 00 *350 00 *350 00 350 00	761 63 *159 00 *06 24 * *** *15 83 290 00 **92 00 200 00 *18 45 177 25	125 00 40 00 25 00 50 00 38 00 38 00 25 00 38 00 25 00 42 00 40 00 50 00	94 51 29 50 8 20 23 00 8 50 10 50 38 00 7 00 20 07 22 20 13 10 33 45 30 00 26 55	10 00 3 00 2 00 3 00 2 50 2 00 3 00 2 50 2 00 3 00 2 50 3 00 3 00 3 00 3 00 3 00 45 00	10 75 3 00 2 00 3 00 2 50 2 00 3 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 3 00 3 00 3 0	100 00 35 00 15 00 30 00 25 00 25 00 15 00 25 00 25 00 25 00 26 00 26 00 30 00	1 00 2 00 6 05 3 35 2 30 20 50 4 26 7 00	30 00 10 00 40 00 20 00 17 00 30 00 15 00 20 00 8 00 25 00 25 00	1 50 11 50 2 00 2 55 4 75 18 75 12 20 20 00	20 00 10 00 20 09 12 00 10 00 12 00 13 00 13 00 8 00 15 00 15 00	9 30 14 00 5 00 4 10 2 00 1 50 6 63 2 00 13 50 5 00 6 15 70 18	5 00 2 00 5 00 3 00 3 00 3 00 3 00 3 00 2 00 2 00 3 00	3 00 2 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 3 00	7 00 150 00 40 00	5 35 3 95 1 00 6 75	7 20 2 70 50 2 55 7 80 2 20 6 15 3 25 7 45	60 00

TAMPA DISTRICT. Tampa	*250 00 900 00	*189 40 622 00		60 00 69 00			$\begin{array}{c cccc} 20 & 00 & 16 & 00 \\ 60 & 00 & 27 & 35 \end{array}$		25 00 25	00 12 00 3 0	-1	
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Fort Myers Circuit Clear Water Circuit	400 00	335 76	50 00	41 97 45 00	4 00		30 00 11 35 30 00 32 42	20 00 16 18	40 00.	00 4 00 1		7. 10 34 00
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RECAPITULATION.

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Decrease																	

^{*}With board. †With board of family. ‡Conference Anniversary, \$36.00 to each makes—Domestic, \$915.15; Foreign, \$517.18.

CHARGES MEETING ASSESSMENTS.

"OWE NO MAN ANYTHING."

FIRST GRADE.

All claims met in full.

Quincy—C. E. Dowman, (surplus \$2.00.) Gainesville—S. B. Smitteel, (surplus \$2.89.) Sparks' Chapel—H. E. Partridge.

SECOND GRADE.

Salaries in full—other claims short.

Tallahassee—J. B. Fitzpatrick, (Foreign Missions full.) Benton Mission—T. R. Barnett.

THIRD GRADE.

Other claims in full-salaries short.

Gadsden Circuit—W. F. Norton, (surplus \$5.85.)

Monticello—E. L. T. Blake, (surplus \$3.40.)

Micanopy Circuit—R. H. Barnett, (surplus \$34.25, and P. E. in full.)

Ocala Circuit—A. A. P. Neel, (surplus \$50.00.)

Clear Water Circuit—W. H. F. Robarts, (surplus \$2.89.)

RECAPITULATION.

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DISTRICTS.	TOTAL No. CHARGES.	CHARGES PAID.	DISTRICTS.	TOTAL NO. CHARGES.	CHARGES PAID.
Tallahassee, Live Oak,	12	4	Jacksonville,	. I4 . II	. 2
Gainesville,	. 11	3	Total,	60	10

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1878,

BY THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

		Relief of Pub. House.
Tallahassee District,	. \$ 550 00 \$ 55 00	\$ 15 00
Live Oak District,		74 00
Gainesville District,	. 300 00 40 00	30 00
Jacksonville District,		53 00
Tampa District,	. 300 00 40 00	43 00
Total,	\$2,000 00 \$225 00	\$225 00
BY BOARD OF	MISSIONS.	
	Domestic.	Foreign.
Tallahassee District,	\$ 475 00	\$250 00
Live Oak District,	250 00	130 00
Gainesville District,		100 00
Jacksonville District,	375 00	225 00
Tampa District,	200 00	125 00
Total assessment,	\$1,500 00	\$830 00

BY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

FOR EDUCATION.

Tallahassee District,.																							
Live Oak District,																							
Gainesville District, .																							
Jacksonville District, .																							
Tampa District,	٠	٠	•	•	4	٠	•	•	•	•	•	٠	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	•		54	QO
Total,			•										•				•			•	\$3	00	00

F. PASCO, Conference Secretary.

VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION AND THE CLASSES, 1878.

ON CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

COMMITTEE-T. W. Moore, S. E. Phillips, J. M. Hendry.

FIRST YEAR.

Committee—H. B. Frazee. J. F. Neal, T. W. Tompkies. Glass—William O. Hampton, Frank M. Houser, Claude A. Saunders, Aurelio Silvera.

SECOND YEAR.

Committee—E. L. T. Blake, F. Pasco, J. B. Fitzpatrick. **Class**—John B. Ley, Thurlow Bishop, Edwin W. Woodbery, Wallace G. Royster, Selwyn L. Smith, Charles E. Pelot, Henry B. Someillan, David W. Core, W. O. Butler, N. Z. Glenn.

THIRD YEAR.

[Committee—C. A. Fulwood, R. H. Barnett, J. C. Ley. Class—Hardy F. Philips, George W. Mitchell, Overton W. Ransom.

FOURTH YEAR.

Committee—H. E. Partridge, J. P. DePass, U. S. Bird. Class—James A. Castel, Samuel B. Smitteel, Robert Martin, McKendree F. McCook.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

To EMORY COLLEGE--F. Pasco, C. E. Dowman, J. Wofford Tucker.

TO WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE—J. B. Fitzpatrick, C. A. Fulwood, U. S. Bird.

T. W. Moore—Advocate Committee.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

Collections.—No preacher's official character shall pass unless he can report that the collections ordered have been taken up.—Conference Journal, January, 1872.

REPORTS, ETC.—Each preacher, when his name is called, shall be required to have and to read his Statistical Report; and to have in envelopes, properly directed, the amounts raised, so as to be handed over to the committees authorized to receive them.—Conference Journal, January, 1876.

——— MISSIONARIES shall be required to prepare duplicate copies of their Annual Statistical Report, to be handed to the Secretary of the Mission Board.

—— MISSIONARIES shall be required to make Quarterly Reports to the President of the Mission Board.—Constitution Conf. Miss. Board.

LAY REPRESENTATION IN DISTRICT CONFERENCES.—Lay representation in the several District Conferences shall consist of two (2) delegates from each Circuit, Station or Mission, chosen by the Quarterly Conference, and one (1) delegate from each society, chosen by the Church Conference.—Conference Journal, January, 1877.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

The shortness of payment of salaries and in the collections, is largely owing to the Conference year being cut short by at least two months. Yet in some points there is gratifying increase.

Conference Claimants paid at fifty per cent. better than since the war ended. Let us pay the whole claim this coming year.

Blank places in Financial Exhibit, under head of salaries, caused by there being no report of amounts raised, although money was doubtless raised on the claim of pastors.

Table of Comparative Statistics not inserted in this edition of the Minutes for several good reasons. A carefully prepared table showing increase in Members, Sunday-school scholars, amounts contributed per member on Salaries, and other claims, in each charge, etc., will be ready for next edition.

We are glad to direct special attention to the advertisements of the Colleges in this edition. The Institutions are in careful and competent hands, with full and able Faculties, thorough course of instruction, healthful localities, and many advanced features in modes of instruction. They deserve and have patronage.

The new Song Book for Sunday-schools, "Calvary Songs," published by the American Sunday-school Union, is, in our judgment, excellent. It is used in Sunday-schools of various denominations; 40,000 copies having already been sold, and the demand increasing. A capital feature consists in its containing many of our good old hymns, with notes of the first part of a tune suitable to each.

Every Methodist should have a copy of "Our Bishops;" and pastors and charges would do well to read over the list of valuable Record Books, etc., prepared by "The Advocate Publishing House," St. Louis, Mo.

IX.-CONFERENCE REGISTER, 1878.

NAMES.										
3. T. R. Barnett Dec'r 1859 5 2 1 8 Lake City. 5. E. L. T. Blake Jan'y 1843 9 5 1 16 4 35 Monticello. 6. W. G. Booth Dec'r 1850 5 2 1 8 S. Concord. 7. †S. W. Carson Berton S. Concord. 8. J. A. Castel Dec'r 1874 2 1 3 Pine Level. 9. J. S. Collier Jan'y 1873 4 4 Ft. Mason. 8. J. A. Castel Dec'r 1874 2 1 3 Pine Level. 9. J. S. Collier Jan'y 1873 4 4 Ft. Mason. 8. J. A. Collier Jan'y 1873 7 4 4 Ft. Mason. 8. J. A. Collier Jan'y 1873 7 4 4 Ft. Mason. 8. J. A. Collier Jan'y 1873 7 4 4 Ft. Mason. 8. J. A. Collier Jan'y 1873 7 4 7 Jan'y 1873 7 7 Jan'y 1873 7 7 Jan'y 1873 7 Jan'y 1874 7 Jan'y 1875 7 Jan'y 1875	NAMES.	When Entered Itin-	Years on Districts.	Circuits.	Missions.	Sup'nu'y.	Sup ared. Local, in	Army, etc.	Total.	POST OFFICE.
51. J. D. Rogers Jan'y 1873 52. A. A. Robinson Dec'r 1870 5 1 1 1 7 Manatee. 53. J. J. Seally Jan'y 1846 2 8 19 1 2 32 Tampa. 54. S. B. Smitteel Oct'r 1874 1 2 3 Palatka. 55. T. W. Tomkies Dec'r 1889 4 3 1 8 Bronson. 56. W. M. Watts 57. *J. A. Wiggins Live Oak.	1. A. A. Barnett 2. R. H. Barnett 3. T. R. Barnett 4. U. S. Bird 5. E. L. T. Blake 6. W. G. Booth 7. †S. W. Carson 8. J. A. Castel 9. J. S. Collier 10. *W. E. Collier 11. W. C. Collins 12. W. Davies 13. J. P. DePass 14. C. E. Dowman 15. E. B. Duncan 16. J. T. Duncan 17. *G. W. Fagg 18. J. B. Fitzpatrick 19. H. B. Frazee 20. C. A. Fulwood 21. *S. Gardner 22. E. F. Cates 23. R. D. Gentry 24. E. H. Giles 25. J. M. Hendry 26. R. H. Howren 27. *A. Johnson 28. W. R. Johnson 29. W. C. Jourdan 30. E. J. Knight 31. *G. C. Leavel 32. J. C. Ley 33. R. Martin 34. McK. F. McCook 35. M. M. Mitchell 37. T. W. Moore 38. *I. Munden 39. A. A. P. Neel 40. †J. F. Neal 41. W. F. Norton 42. H. E. Partridge 43. F. Pasco 44. A. Peeler 45. *J. Penny 46. H. F. Phillips 47. S. E. Phillips	Jan'y 1874 Dec'r 1869 Dec'r 1855 Dec'r 1869 Jan'y 1843 Dec'r 1869 Jan'y 1873 Dec'r 1869 Dec'r 1874 Jan'y 1873 Nov'r 1858 Dec'r 1856 Dec'r 1856 Dec'r 1856 Dec'r 1858 Dec'r 1858 Dec'r 1858 Dec'r 1858 Dec'r 1858 Dec'r 1870 Dec'r 1870 Dec'r 1870 Dec'r 1871 Dec'r 1862 Dec'r 1875 Sept'r 1866 Dec'r 1875 Nov'r 1854 Jan'y 1874 Dec'r 1869 Jan'y 1872 Sept'r 1866 Dec'r 1875 Dec'r 1878	1 2 3 2 4 2 1 2 4 1 3	1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 6 5 5 1 6 5 7 5 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 2 7 2 1 2 1 4 4 4 3 3 3 1 1 3 3 5 5 1 1 1 1 1		1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4 8 22 8 35 8 8 35 8 40 19 23 17 4 44 44 44 44 47 19 32 21 17 19 33 3 4 4 4 37 7 2 23 8 4 4 37 8 4 4 8 8 4 8 8 8 4 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Orlando. Mellonville. Live Oak. Lake City. Monticello. Concord. Bartow. Pine Level. Ft. Mason. Adamsville. Mt. Tabor. Sumter. Archer. Live Oak. Bronson. Orlando. Mt. Pleasant. Tallahassee. Jacksonville. Tallahassee. Bronson. Manatee. Quincy. Alafia. Madison. Welborn. Live Oak. Cedar Keys. Bartow. Lake Butler. Clear Water. Kcy West. Crawfordville. Gainesville. Gianesville. Live Oak. Clear Water. Kcy West. Crawfordville. Gainesville. Live Oak. Clear Water. Kcy West. Crawfordville. Gainesville. Live Oak. Clear Water. Kcy West. Crawfordville. Gainesville. Live Oak. Clear Water. Crawfordville. Gainesville. Archer. Jacksonville. Newnansville. Archer. Jacksonville. Micanopy. Waldo.
59. S. Woodbery Feb'y 1847 11 4 16 31 Centreville.	51. J. D. Rogers 52. A. A. Robinson 53. J. J. Seally 54. S. B. Smitteel 55. T. W. Tomkies 56. W. M. Watts 57. *J. A. Wiggins 58. W. Williams	Jan'y 1873 Dec'r 1870 Jan'y 1846 Oct'r 1874 Dec'r 1869	5 2	1 1 1 1 8 19 1 2 4 3 15	1		2		5 7 32 3 8 	Fr. McCoy. Manatee. Tampa. Palatka. Bronson. Wankeenah. Live Oak. Brooksville.

Preachers on trial, 1877—J. B. Ley, Fernandina; T. Bishop, Mt. Royal; E. W. Woodbery LaVilla; W. G. Royster, Enterprise; S. L. Smith, Lake Jessup; C. E. Pelot, Ft. Myers; H. B. Someilan, Key West.

Preachers on trial, 1878—W. O. Butler, Quincy; N. Z. Glenn, Quincy; Wm. O. Hampton, Jasper; F. M. Hauser, Jacksonville; C. A. Saunders, Tampa; Aurelio Silvera, Key West.

LAY DELEGATES:

Tallahassee District—G. W. Taylor, Monticello.
Live Oak District—G. H. Hunter, M. D., Lake City.
Gainesville District—G. W. Collins.
Jacksonville District—G. W. Frazie, Jacksonville; J. J. Davis, Orlando; W. C. Roper.
Tampa District—M. I. Powledge, Clear Water; Rev. E. Glazier, Manatee; J. Brandon.

^{*}Superannuated; †Supernumerary.

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SESSIONS OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

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